

# St Luke UMC

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October 1, 2023



## 2023 Apportionments

**\$15,279**



\$5,979

## Financial Update



Thank you to everyone for your continued support of St Luke ministries. These offerings were received in the month of September:

Total of \$14,738 which included:

- \$ 900 - Building Fund
- \$ 696 - Apportionments
- \$ 74 - Christian Education Sunday
- \$ 106 - Heifer
- \$ 27 - Emmanuel Mefor
- \$ 175 - UMCOR FL Disaster Aid
- \$ 20 - St Andrews
- \$ 40 - UMCOR Ukraine

# Family Fun Night

Saturday, November 4 @ 5 pm  
St Luke Fellowship Hall

Bring a dish to share.  
All ages welcome!

BRATS S'MORES  
GAMES

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

- WHEN:** Saturday, November 4th  
**TIME:** Let's gather at 5 PM with plans to eat at 5:30 pm.  
**WHERE:** St. Luke Fellowship Hall  
**FOOD:** Bratwurst, buns and s'mores will be provided. Please bring a side dish—appetizers, salad, vegetables, chips, or drinks to share. We will be grilling and roasting marshmallows outside.  
**ACTIVITIES:** We plan to play Guesstures. Bring any other group game that you have and like.  
**WHO:** Everyone—all ages are invited.

Pastor  
APPRECIATION  
MONTH  
THANK YOU PASTOR CHAD!

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## CROP WALK 2023

The prolonged war in Ukraine, on top of the pandemic and other disasters is causing a global food crisis. Millions are on the brink of famine. The CROP Hunger Walk and the funds we raise will feed the hungry through CWS. When you join this movement, donate and raise funds, you will provide life-saving support like emergency food along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future.



**Every step and every donation ends hunger!**

If you are interested in walking and would like more information, please talk to Leslie Maach who has walked for St Luke the past several years or visit their website at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023>.



## My Story

I like to say the bathroom in my first Grinnell apartment had a split personality. The blue/green patterned carpet (yes, carpet in the bathroom) did not match the blue/purple patterned wallpaper. In fact, they sort of clashed. It was to say the least, an UGLY bathroom. As a renter there was really nothing I could do about it (and I asked) but ignore it.

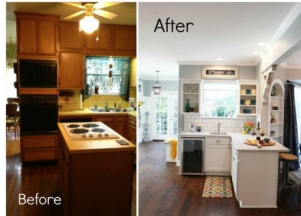
Today, I like to watch design shows on HGTV where teams of designers and contractors take on the remodeling of a home that is out of date, ugly, dark, chaotic or designed specifically for the previous owner. I may not be allowed to renovate the apartment I rent, but I can live vicariously. I like how the teams strip away the layers and give the home new life. Sometimes they find hidden issues and dangers that need to be addressed as layer by layer they transform the space into something fresh and new.

We too can be transformed. The process for us, while not exactly the same as a home, can also be painful and stressful. But as we strip away the ugly or chaotic layers of our life that separate us from God, we make room for the beauty and peace only God can give us.

*So, here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. Romans 12:1-2.*

Let God transform you and bring out the best in you.

Corinne Kleppe



## World Communion Sunday Sunday, October 1

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults.

For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins?

On World Communion Sunday our giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. A check to *St Luke* with *World Communion* in memo can be written at anytime and mailed or placed in offering plate.



## Discover Hope Supper Club

St. Luke has committed to providing the evening meal for Discover Hope the first Tuesday of every other month.

Our next meal will be on October 3. We will be having goulash, garlic bread, corn, fruit cups and assorted dessert bars.

If you would like to sign-up to provide food, monetary donations or to help serve the meal there will be a sign-up sheet on the servant's counter. All donations need to be put in the church kitchen by Sunday, October 1. Any questions please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Jan Lewis.



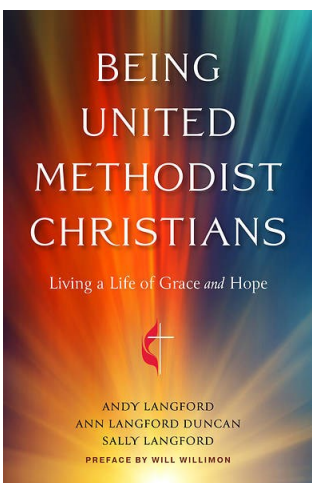
## Calling All Bakers!

Mission Coalition will be having a bake sale on Saturday, October 21 from 9 am - 2 pm in the McCann Center at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The bake sale is held in conjunction with the McCann Flea Market. They are in need of baked goods donations. If you would like to donate any type of baked goods (breads, pies, cookies, candy etc.) please bring them directly to the bake sale between 7:30 and 8:30 am on October 21. Contact Joyce Stonehocker with any questions.



## St Luke Produce Table

Bring produce or take produce in exchange for a free-will donation in the Red Bucket for St Andrew Produce Project.



## Monday Night Zoom Study Group New Book Starting October 16

We will be starting a new book for our Monday Night Zoom Study Group beginning October 16 at 6:30 pm. We will be reading the book "Being United Methodist Christians" by Andy Langford, Ann Langford Duncan and Sally Langford. Books are \$10. If you are interested in joining this study please contact Pastor Chad or the church office by October 2.



United  
Women  
in Faith

## United Women in Faith

October 18 - 1:15 pm  
At St Luke UMC

*"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* (NIV)

Lamentations 3:22-23

Program: God is Not Neutral Towards Injustice

By: Pat Patty

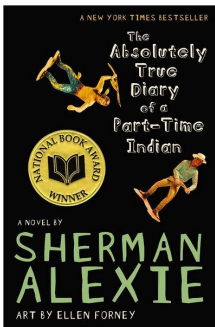
Hostess: Barb Kaldenberg

TBD - Fall Mission U

Oct. 7 - Iowa Conference UWF Annual Meeting

### The Banned Book Class

The Adult 2 Sunday School class has decided to read



"banned" books. Our first choice is *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. The book is about a Native American boy who leaves Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white high school in a near farm town.

The book has been described as "heartbreaking, funny and beautifully written." It was written primarily for adolescents, but from USA Today:

"Sure to resonate and lift spirits of all ages for years to come."

We invite you to join us. We meet at 10:30 am (following worship) in Room 5, the 3rd room on the left, in the education wing.

## Burrito Making Event

Sunday, October 29 - Right After Worship



Help us make  
and package  
burritos for the  
homeless.



### Days For Girls

The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, October 26 from 9 am - 2 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church. Questions? Contact Rose Evans. If you would like more information about Days for Girls you can visit their website at [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org).



## All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 5

We will be recognizing and remembering people from our families that have died in the past year. Please send a photo with the person's name and dates to the church office by October 22 in order for your family member to be recognized.



### Diaper Sewing Days October 17 & 18 | 9 am

We will be sewing flannel diapers for Midwest Missions in Fellowship Hall Tuesday October 17 and Wednesday October 18 at 9 AM. Please bring a sack lunch. There will be a job for anyone interested in helping. You can sew, cut, pin, iron, count and pack. If you are one who sews please bring your sewing machine and basic supplies. We plan to work until mid afternoon or until we are tired. Come for any part of either day that works for you. This is a great time for fellowship as well as working for a needed mission project. See Karen Clark if you have questions.



### Gavin's Mowing & Odd Jobs

Do you have yard work or household tasks that are difficult for you to handle?




Gavin Stoner, who was a big help with St. Luke VBS this June, is offering to do odd jobs to raise money for an educational trip to visit monuments and historical sites in Washington D.C. and New York City. The trip is sponsored by Berg Middle School. His brother-in-law, Austin, has agreed to be Gavin's partner. Their business is called **Gavin's Mowing & Odd Jobs** and you can reach Gavin at 641-275-2127. If you don't have need for any help, but would like to support Gavin, you can put a check made to St. Luke in the offering and mark "Gavin's trip" in the memo.

Gavin had this to say about his trip: "I want to expand my knowledge and learn more about our history. It also will give me the experience of a lifetime to see other parts of the world!"



"I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: 'Go down again — I dwell among the people.'"

—John Henry Newman

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>9:30 am Worship w/ Communion</b>  <b>Sunday School to Follow</b>  <b>World Communion Sunday</b>  <b>October Book Sale in FH</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Monday Night Study Group via Zoom	<b>3</b> 5:30 pm Discover Hope Meal @ DH	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm Praise Team  7:15 pm Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 9 am - 3 pm Quilts of Valor FH Rsrvd	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b>   <b>October Book Sale in FH</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Monday Night Study Group via Zoom	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm Praise Team  <b>7 pm</b> <b>Page Turners</b> <b>FH Rsrvd</b>  7:15 pm Choir Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b>  <b>Quilt Guild Sew Day</b> <b>9 am - 4 pm</b> <b>FH Rsrvd</b>
<b>15</b>  <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b>   <b>October Book Sale in FH</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Monday Night Study Group via Zoom	<b>17</b> 9 am - 4 pm Diaper Sewing	<b>18</b> 9 am - 4 pm Diaper Sewing  <b>1:15 pm</b> <b>UWF Meeting</b>  6:30 pm Praise Team  7:15 pm Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm Quilt Guild Meeting FH Rsrvd	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9 am - 2pm Mission Coalition Bake Sale / McCann Flea Market @ Sacred Heart Catholic Church
<b>22</b>  <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b>   <b>October Book Sale in FH</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm Monday Night Study Group via Zoom  <b>6:30 pm</b> <b>JCRCC</b> <b>FH Rsrvd</b>	<b>24</b> Day Trip to Midwest Mission in Jefferson, IA  7 pm Mission Coalition	<b>25</b> 6:30 pm Praise Team  7:15 pm Choir Practice	<b>26</b> 9am - 2pm Days for Girls @ 1st Presbyterian Church	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9 am - Noon FH Rsrvd Burrito Event Prep
<b>29</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b>  <b>Burrito Making Event</b> <b>After Worship</b>  <b>October Book Sale in FH</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm Monday Night Study Group via Zoom	<b>31</b>	 <h1>October</h1>			

Read Calendar closely for events not appearing elsewhere in Newsletter. Thank you.

<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	
<b>October 1</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers	Peg Kimberley
Greeters	Joyce Stonehocker & Jan Lewis
Reader	Joel Mills
Acolyte	Frances Mills
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Barb Swihart
<b>October 8</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers	Karen Clark
Greeters	Amy Ryan
Reader	Bruce Maach
Acolyte	Frances Mills
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ben Leonard
Camera	Caleb Leonard
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Wendy Jennings
<b>October 15</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers	Amy Ryan
Greeters	Leslie & Bruce Maach
Reader	Jeff Carter
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	
Camera	Wendy Jennings
Care Core	Karen Clark, Joyce Stonehocker
Coffee Time	Leslie & Bruce Maach
<b>October 22</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers (2)	Kaldenbergs
Greeters (2)	Pam Andrews
Reader	Russ Leix
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Rachel Pageler
Camera	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Lori Leix

## October Worship Assistants

For 2023 we are doing something new with our worship assistant sign up. We would like to see more of our volunteer position filled so we have decided to start passing around sign-up sheets for 3 months at a time. We had another wonderful response for our October - December volunteers and would like to thank everyone who has so graciously signed up. Most positions are filled now through December but there are still some spots open. If you would like to volunteer or see what positions are available you can email the church office at: [worship@stlukenewton.com](mailto:worship@stlukenewton.com), use the sign-up sheets on the servant's counter or you can add your name to our online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to sign up online:



<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f57IkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUHXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!

<b>October 29</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Ushers	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters	Peg Kimberley & Nancy Ryan
Reader	Karin Mills
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ben Leonard
Camera	Caleb Leonard
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Tamara Lloyd
Coffee Time	Amy Ryan



## Worship Assistants

Please find a sub or trade if you cannot do it as scheduled. Then contact the church office so we can print correct names.



## A Special Blessing for those with October Birthdays

- October 1: Amy Onstot
- October 3: Nathan Figland  
Ender Swersie
- October 7: Barb Pherigo
- October 8: Bruce Thomas
- October 9: Dean Stonner
- October 14: Jean Schnell
- October 15: Angel Anderson
- October 18: Patrick Murphy
- October 20: David Thongvanh
- October 21: Ella Hendershot
- October 22: Quinton Guillaume
- October 26: Doug Spaur
- October 27: Linda Hotger



If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please contact the office.

## October Book & Puzzle Sale

The Adult 2 Sunday School class is sponsoring a Book/Puzzle Sale to raise money for Missions. During the month of October, there will be tables of books and puzzles displayed in Fellowship Hall. For a small amount of money, you can own some new-to-you books and puzzles for the upcoming winter months! We are accepting freewill offerings but would like to suggest paperbacks for \$.50, hardbacks and puzzles for \$1. (Again, any amount over that will be greatly appreciated.) Come ready to peruse on Sunday, October 1st!



**October Salvation Army Food Pantry Request**  
Cereal & Dried Milk



### Charge Conference

The annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 22 at 3:30 pm at First United Methodist Church in Newton. Rev. Ron Carlson, District Superintendent, will preside over this joint Church Conference as several churches come together to conduct the business of the United Methodist Church. All are welcome to attend.



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Dr. Sheldon takes advantage of his congregation's lack of knowledge of the Greek language.

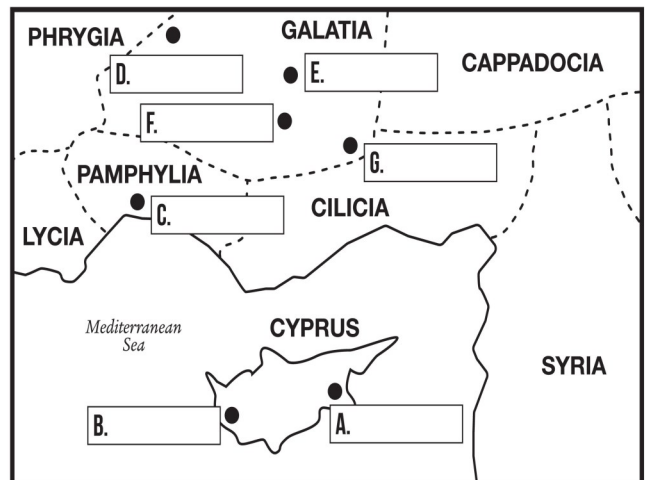
# PUZZLE CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

*Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.*



- A. SALAMIS (ACTS 13:5)
- B. PAPHOS (ACTS 13:6)
- C. PERGA (ACTS 13:13)
- D. ANTIOCH (ACTS 13:14)
- E. ICONIUM (ACTS 13:51)
- F. LYSTRA (ACTS 14:6)
- G. DERBE (ACTS 14:6)



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe